

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for indicating a speaker during a conference, comprising:  
5                   determining a list of participants in a conference;  
                    determining a sample from said conference;  
                    determining a participant from said list that is speaking during  
                    said sample;  
                    providing data indicative of said sample; and  
10                   providing data indicative of said participant.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining a participant from said  
list that is speaking during said sample includes determining an active channel  
in said sample and determining a speaker associated with said active channel.  
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3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
                    causing a display of an indication that said participant is speaking.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
20                   determining at least one active channel in said conference.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein said determining at least one active  
channel includes determining significance of a plurality of channels in said  
conference and selecting said at least one active channel from said plurality of  
25 channels.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein said determining a sample from said  
conference includes determining a sample from said at least one active  
channel.  
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7. The method of claim 1, wherein said providing data indicative of said

sample includes providing a sample of voice data associated with said conference.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said providing data indicative of said participant includes providing said data via a first channel and wherein said providing a sample of voice data associated with said conference includes providing said sample of voice data via a second channel.

9. The method of claim 7, wherein said providing data indicative of said participant includes providing said data to a first client device and wherein said providing a sample of voice data associated with said conference includes providing said sample of voice data to a second client device.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
determining a significance of at least one active channel in said conference.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said determining a participant from said list that is speaking during said sample includes identifying a participant speaking on said at least one active channel during said sample.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said data indicative of said participant includes data indicative of a device associated with said participant.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein said data indicative of said participant includes data indicative of a channel associated with said participant.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein said sample includes data from multiple active channels associated with said conference.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining a participant from said

list that is speaking during said sample includes determining a participant from a plurality of participants that are aggregated on a channel.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein said data indicative of said sample has a different sample size than said data indicative of said participant.

17. A system for indicating a speaker during a conference, comprising:

a network;

at least one client device operably coupled to said network; and

a server operably coupled to said network, said server adapted to determine a list of participants in a conference; determine a sample from said conference; determine a participant from said list that is speaking during said sample; provide data indicative of said sample; and provide data indicative of said participant.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein said server is adapted to determine an active channel associated with said conference.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein said server is adapted to cause a display on said client device of an indication that said participant is speaking.

20. The system of claim 17, wherein said client device is adapted to display an indication of said participant.

21. The system of claim 17, wherein said client device is adapted to display a level of activity of said participant in said sample.

22. A system for indicating a speaker during a conference, comprising:

a processor;

a communication port coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one device; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

determine a list of participants in a conference;

determine a sample from said conference;

5           determine a participant from said list that is speaking during said sample;

provide data indicative of said sample; and

provide data indicative of said participant.

10   23.   An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to:

determine a list of participants in a conference;

15           determine a sample from said conference;

determine a participant from said list that is speaking during said sample;

provide data indicative of said sample; and

provide data indicative of said participant.